

## What is World Water Monitoring Day?

Our dependence on clean water knows no boundaries. Water is a fundamental need for all living things.

Our supply of clean, useable water is a product of the global hydrologic cycle. For this reason, America's Clean Water Foundation and the International Water Association are bringing together citizens and organizations from around the globe to sample water quality.

**World Water Monitoring Day** is an international effort to draw attention to the issues that affect watersheds throughout the world.

From September 18 - October 18, 2003, citizens throughout the global community will join together to monitor the quality of their local watersheds and enter the information in an international database. Then, on October 18, people across the globe will celebrate World Water Monitoring Day.

This annual event will serve as a platform for watershed leaders, educators and trained volunteers to help others better understand how the actions of individuals impact everyone. Over time, the data collected will help us understand more about the quality of water throughout the world.

Time has proven that changes in the social practices of every human connected to the watershed are critical to the successful protection and preservation of our global supply of fresh water. World Water Monitoring Day provides an opportunity to positively impact the health of our waters.

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## America's Clean Water

**Foundation** is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization created in 1989 to coordinate the Year of Clean Water: *The 1992 Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the United States Clean Water Act*. ACWF serves

as a national and international forum for citizen outreach, youth education, and technical program exchanges. ACWF's principal mission includes:

- **Creating forums for youth education;**
- **Building public understanding of Clean Water programs;**
- **Encouraging innovation and technology exchange;**
- **Rekindling public interest in clean water; and**
- **Promoting personal stewardship of water resources.**

In 2002, America's Clean Water Foundation coordinated Year of Clean Water events designed to increase the U.S. public's awareness, educate the nation's youth and continue the efforts to preserve and protect our water resources.

Because clean water knows no boundaries, ACWF seeks to expand its mission through collaboration with other national and international water organizations that share common goals for public education and outreach.

World Water Monitoring Day is but one of many events coordinated by ACWF since its inception. Other global activities sponsored by ACWF include the World Watershed Summit, the World Water Summit and the Global Assembly of Women and the Environment (with the UN Environmental Programme).

## How to Participate in World Water Monitoring Day

As international participation increases, citizens and organizations across the globe can join together to monitor water quality in their local watershed between September 18<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Prior to sampling at your selected site, you may purchase test kits on-line at the World Water Monitoring Day website if you do not already have monitoring equipment. To do so, visit our website at:

[www.worldwatermonitoringday.org](http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org)

Next, please register your specific location on-line by clicking Site Registration. You will be able to follow directions to identify your sampling location and then provide important information about your monitoring site. The website also contains other helpful resources that will help you involve others in your local watershed.

The instruction booklet included in your test kit will guide you through the steps necessary to successfully collect water samples and determine the values of the water quality indicators. You will screen for dissolved oxygen (DO), acidity (pH), water temperature and clarity (turbidity). It is important to carefully follow the instructions to ensure that good data is collected in a safe fashion.

Upon completion of your fieldwork, please return to the World Water Monitoring Day website and enter the results of your monitoring experience. The reported results will be available to anyone desiring to view the data and will be used in the 2003 Summary Report.



**The International Water Association** is a global network of water professionals that spans the continuum between research and practice, covering all facets of the water cycle.

The ultimate strength and potential of IWA lies in the professional and geographic diversity of its membership—a mosaic of member communities including academic researchers and research centers, utilities, consultants, regulators, industrial water users and water equipment manufacturers. IWA members represent the leading edge in their fields of specialty, and together they are building new frontiers in global water management through interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration.

IWA and its members are committed to furthering sustainable and holistic resource management and service provision, built on the concept of the complete water cycle.

Population growth, economic development and climate change have resulted in increased demand for water resources. IWA joins with efforts of America's Clean Water Foundation, and other global partners, to bring public attention to the role that the world's citizens must play in ensuring a sustainable supply of clean, usable water in each and every country.

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